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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF
Forster et al.
Application Serial No. 09/786,204
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Title: *EDGE-LIT ILLUMINATION SYSTEM*

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Examiner: Hargobind S. Sawhney

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit herewith prior art as cited on the attached PTO Form-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in the above-identified application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited to enable Applicants to comply fully with the rules.

Any deficiencies in the fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 081903/0277103.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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